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Dear CSBG Professional:

The Department of Community Services and Development is pleased to announce discretionary funding opportunities in response to the needs identified by you, CSBG providers. The CSD will award this funding on a competitive basis as outlined in the CSBG Discretionary Funding package.

CSD will give priority consideration to proposals that include the identified targeted initiatives. These initiatives are **At Risk Youth Development, Homelessness and Capacity Building**.

CSD will provide funding assistance to agencies with the greatest results oriented and innovative program proposals that include collaboration and leveraging of other resources. A comprehensive evaluation is part of the proposal review process. Evaluation criteria include but are not limited to: impact, creativeness and agency past performance. Additionally, proposals will be rated for completeness; therefore, please review the detailed instructions for completing and submitting proposals.

The discretionary funding cycle begins with this solicitation. Your response must be received by October 13, 2006 with funds becoming available to successful applicants in November or December, depending on when Congress passes the 2007 CSBG budget. Please mail applications to CSBG Discretionary Initiatives, Department of Community Services and Development, 700 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Attn: Carol Forrest.

If your question is not answered with the information in the proposal package, please do not hesitate to contact Jeannette Nelson at (916) 341-4256. We hope you are able to take advantage of this funding opportunity.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Lloyd Throne – 9/13/06

Lloyd Throne  
Director

